



## ***Agenda*** ***Sister Cities Commission***

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June 22, 2017

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: May 25, 2017**
- V. Approval of Agenda: June 22, 2017**
- VI. Announcements / Correspondence**  
Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.
- VII. Public Forum**  
Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.  
Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.
- VIII. New Business**
  - 1. Economic Development Department Presentation**  
**Background:** Edesa Bitbadal, Economic Development Director will outline her trade mission visit to China.  
  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation and discuss.
  - 2. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Bangalore (Bengaluru), India**  
**Background:** The SCC received a Request for Sister City form (included in the agenda packet) for this city from a Milpitas community member at its booth during the

International Festival & BBQ. Commissioner Awasthi noted receiving this form and expressed interest in researching a possible sister city relationship with Bangalore.

**Recommendation:** Review location and basic information about Bangalore, India. Establish Commissioner Awasthi as the lead commissioner.

**3. Cancellation of July Meeting**

**Background:** The SCC typically cancels its July meeting to coincide with the City Council's break during this month.

**Recommendation:** Cancel the July 27, 2017 SCC meeting and adjourn this meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 24, 2017.

**IV. Old Business**

**4. FY17-18 Work Plan & Council Presentation**

**Background:** The SCC is required to submit a work plan each year, which it does on a fiscal year basis to coincide with the academic year. Both Council meetings of September 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> are available to present the work plan.

**Recommendation:** Review the draft work plan for FY17-18 (included in the agenda packet) and select a September meeting date for presentation to Council. Direct staff to finalize FY17-18 Work Plan with Chair Grilli, as needed, in preparation for Council presentation.

**5. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Hyderabad, India**

**Background:** Commissioner Awasthi leads research and has received little to no interest from this city in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

**Recommendation:** Remove this item from the SCC agenda.

**6. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City**

**Background:** Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this research.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss new information as it becomes available.

**7. Contact with Milpitas High School (MHS) Leadership Team and Host Families**

**Background:** Staff was advised to call Milpitas Unified School District Superintendent Cheryl Jordan to explore the assignment of an assistant principal for assistance with the home stays and school coordination for Spirit Week in October.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff update and discuss possible contacts for October 2017 home stay coordination.

**8. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program**

**Background:** The SCC discussed five possible community promotion areas at its May 25 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Discuss progress to be made in these areas.

**9. ePal Project with Sister Cities**

**Background:** This project is on hold for the summer and will resume in September with a new set of juniors from the Digital Business Academy.

**Recommendation:** Review updates as available.

**10. Tsukuba City, Japan**

**Background:** Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**11. Dagupan City, Philippines**

**Background:** Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Tsai is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**12. Huizhou Municipality, China**

**Background:** Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Vice Chair Chang is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**VI. Student Liaison Report**

**VII. City Council Liaison Report**

## **VIII. School District Liaison Report**

## **IX. Future Agenda Items**

### **Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges**

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Possible New Business: as noted by SCC members and approved by the Chair.

## **X. Adjournment**

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